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The phenomenal success of "Famous Composers and Their Works" has encouraged the publishers to announce immediately a new publication, which will serve as a companion work, entitled *Half Hours with the Best Composers*.

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Cay For Johns.

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#### CLAYTON JOHNS

LAYTON JOHNS was born at New Castle, Del., Nov. 24, 1857. His ancestors, one of whom was Richard Johns of the Cliffs, Maryland, were identified with the

growth and prosperity of Delaware and Maryland for many generations back. Nicholas Van Dyke, governor of Delaware, was his great-great-grandfather, and the Honorables Kensey Johns, father and son, chancellors of Delaware, were his grandfather and great-grandfather.

He entered Rugby Academy at Wilmington for the purpose of fitting for Princeton. The study of law was the object in the minds of his parents, but the student had always shown a marked preference for music. A natural fondness for drawing inclined him, somewhat, towards architecture, and the latter was finally agreed upon as a compromise. He began the study of architecture with Theophilus P. Chandler in Philadelphia, and remained there from 1875 to 1879. In January of the latter year he came to Boston and consulted with William F. Apthorp upon the advisability of his studying

music; and after a trial of two months' study with Mr. Apthorp he was advised to continue, and he therefore began the study of composition with Prof. John K. Paine, attending his courses at Harvard; and pianoforte with W. H. Sherwood in Boston.

The studies at Harvard were continued for two years, and then, after one more year in Boston, he went to Berlin, where he remained until 1884, studying composition with Friedrich Kiel and the piano with Grabau, Raif, and Franz Rummel. In October, 1884, he returned to Boston, and has lived there ever since, playing in public from time to time, teaching and composing.

The list of Mr. Johns's published compositions comprises about fifty songs, some of which have had a very wide circulation. The following is a partial list of other compositions:—

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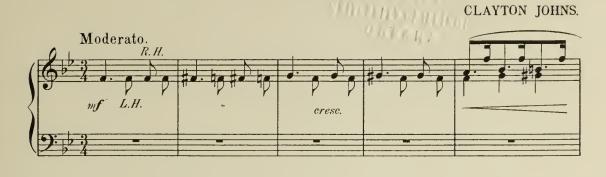
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For string orchestra: Berceuse and Scherzino.



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## Mazurka.





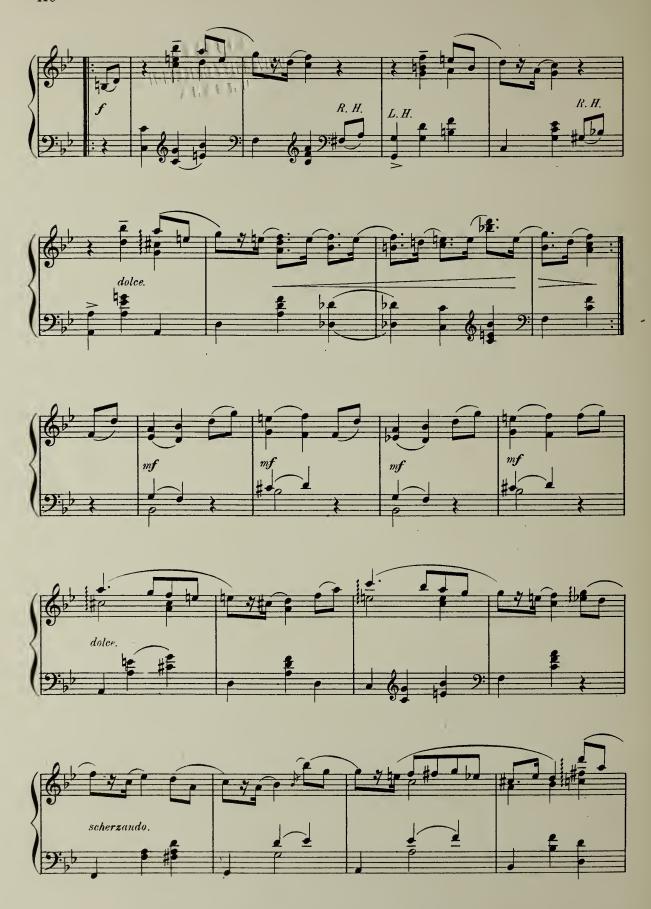


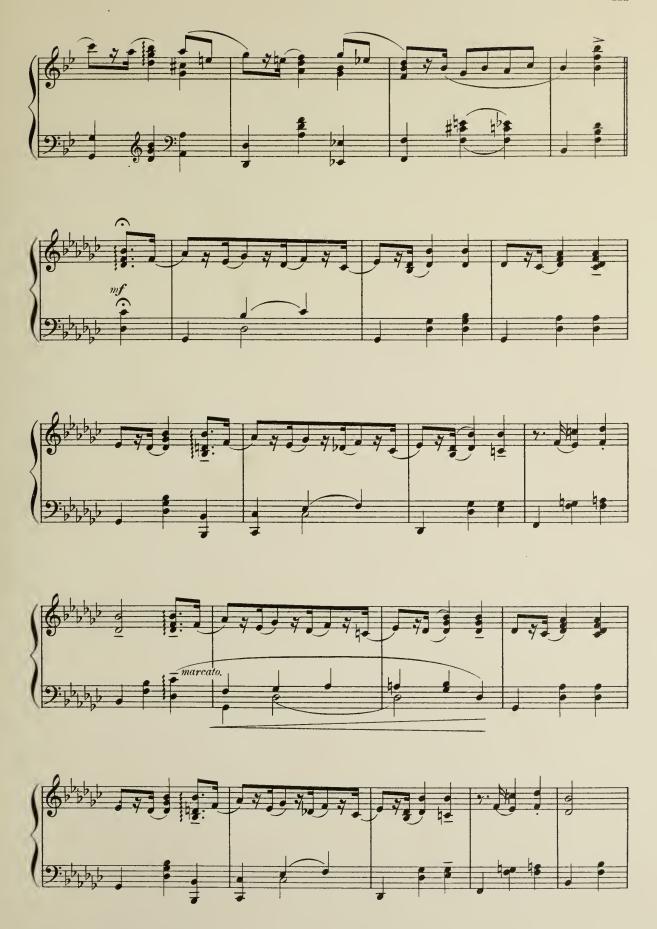


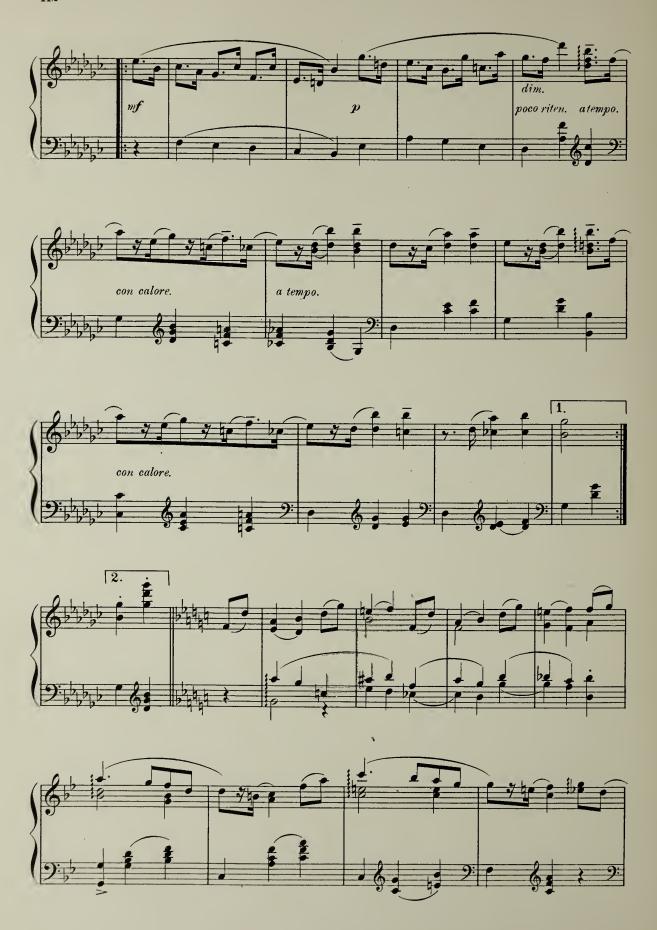


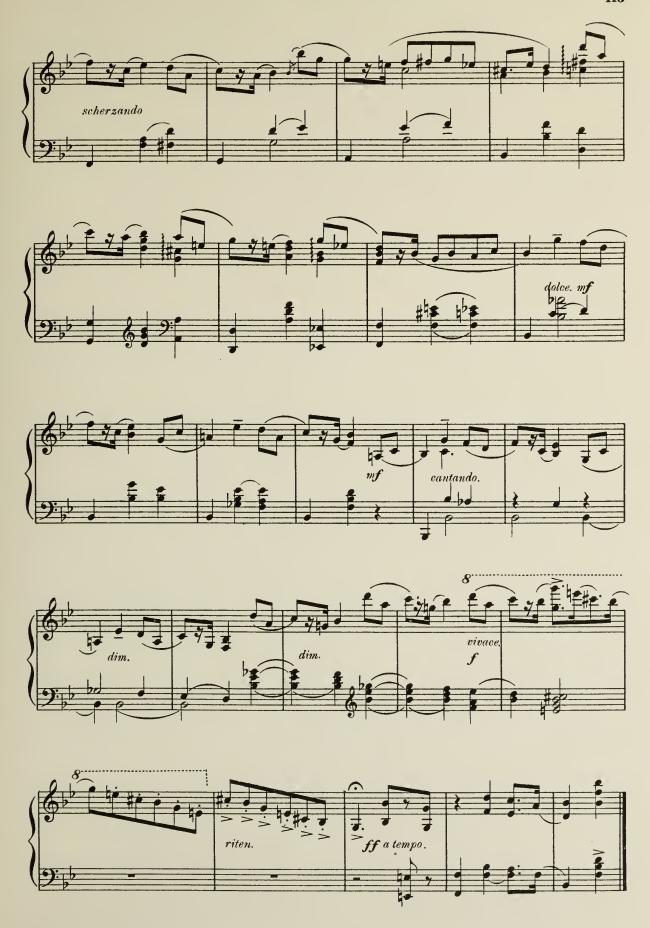
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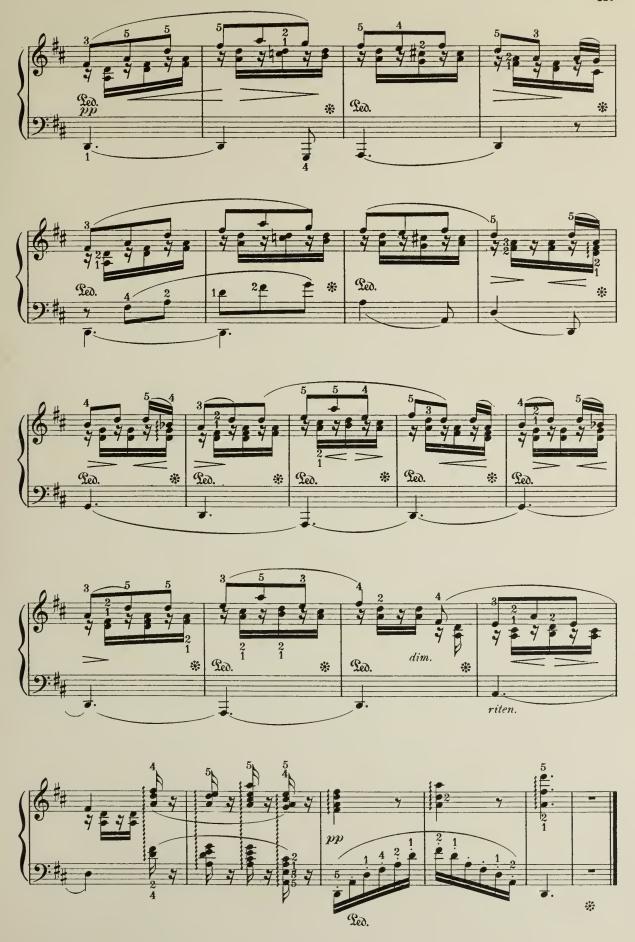


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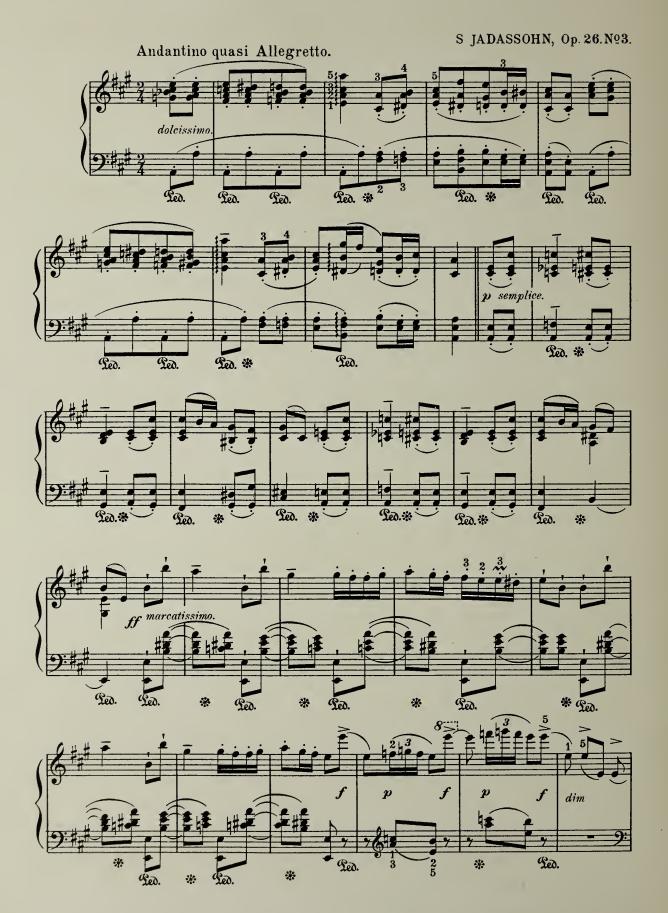


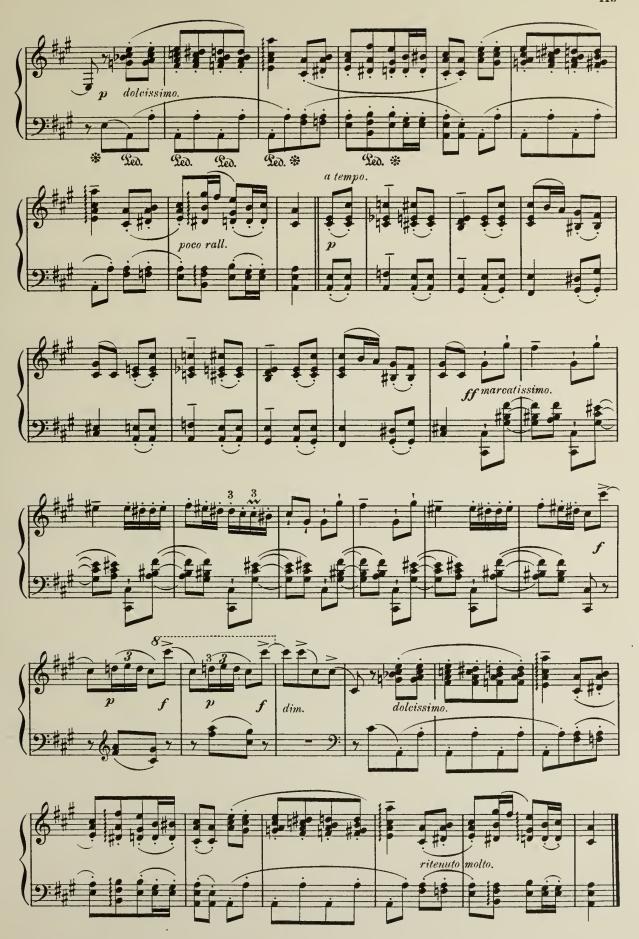




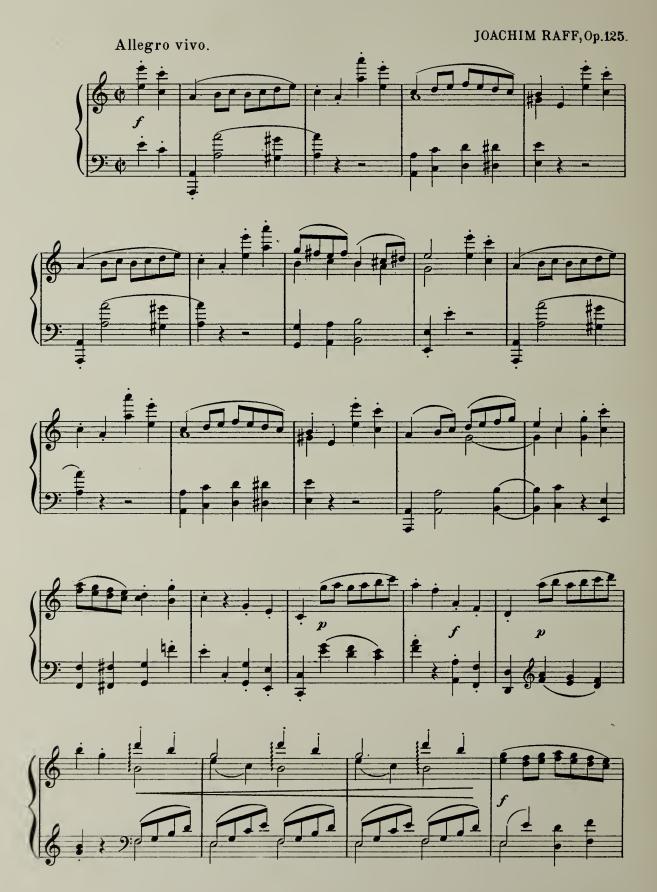


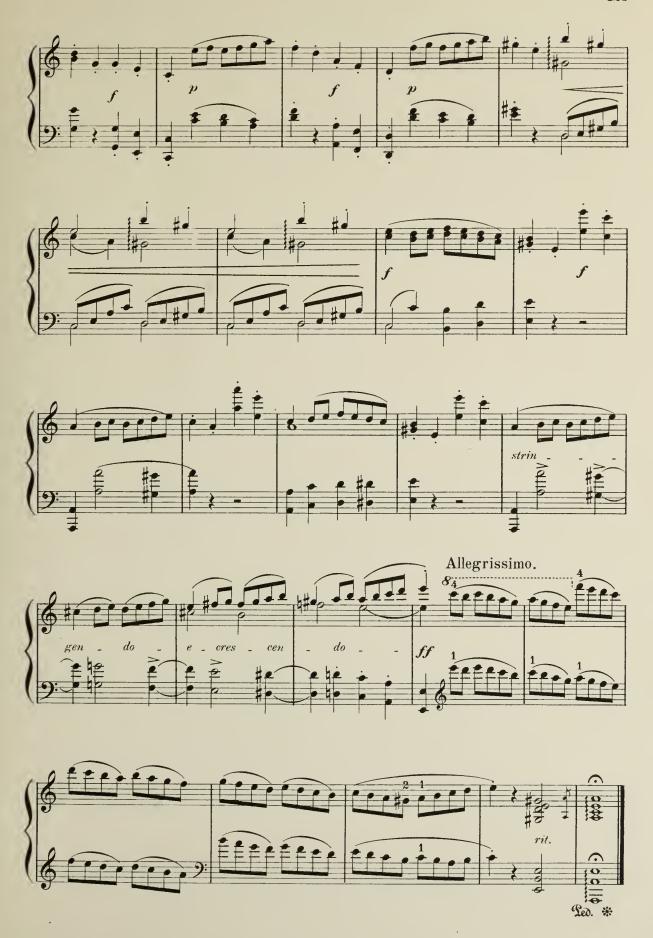
### Air de Ballet.



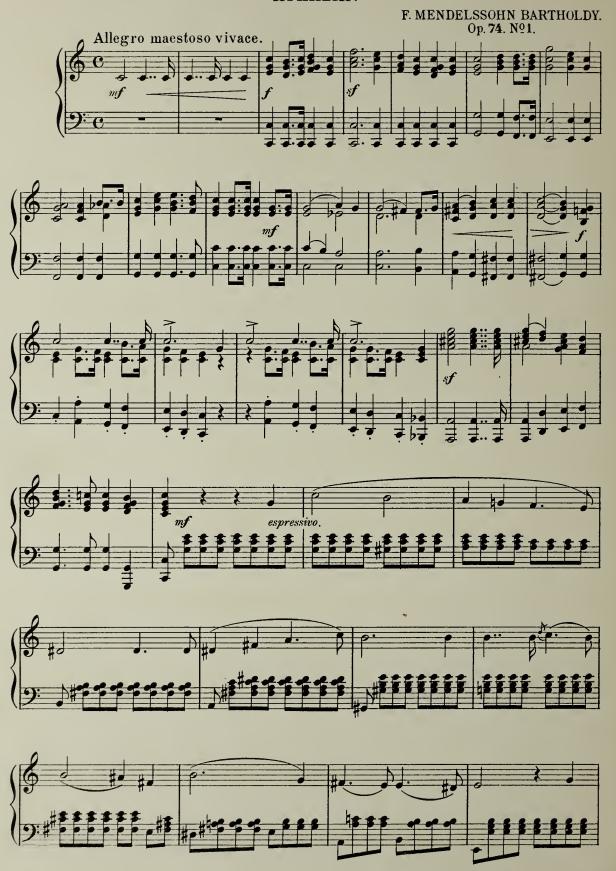


#### Gavotte.





## Chorus from the Music to Racine's "ATHALIA".



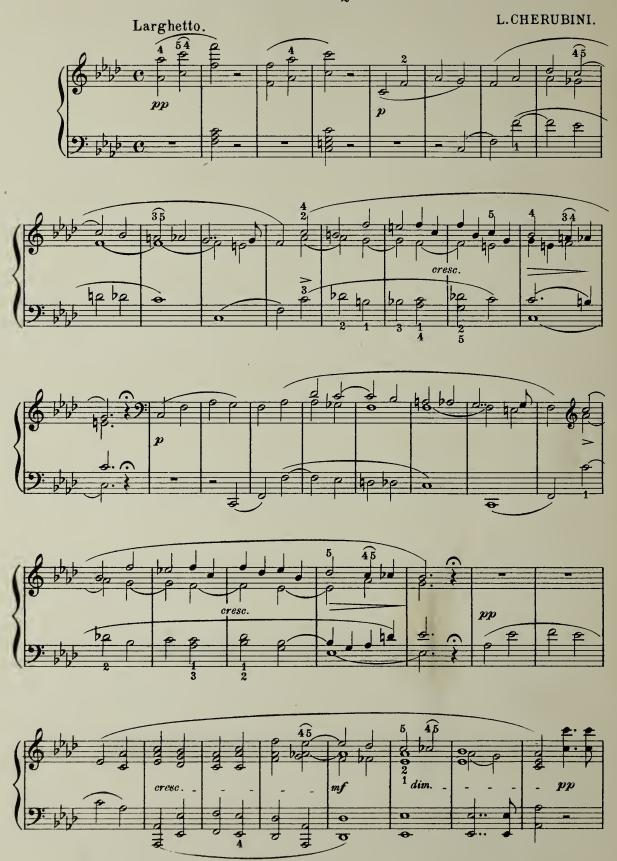


# Hymn. from the Opera IPHIGENIA in TAURIS.

C.W. GLUCK. Andante. dolce.

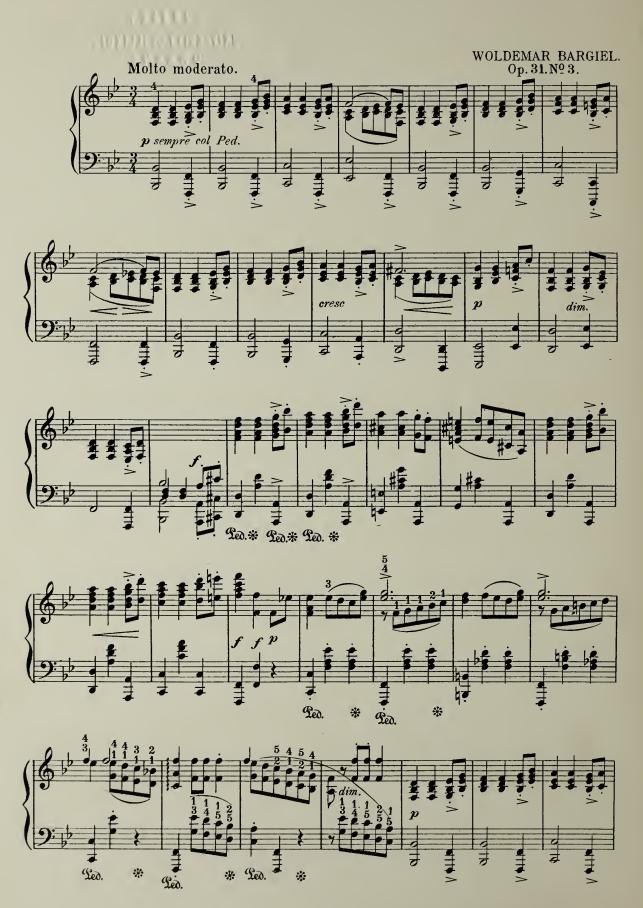


Pie Jesu. FROM THE REQUIEM.

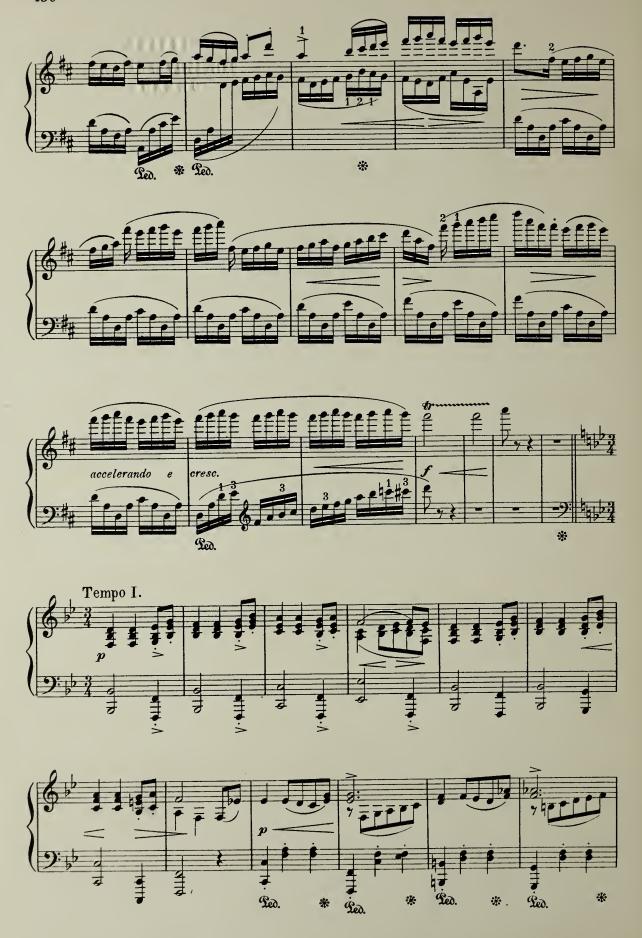


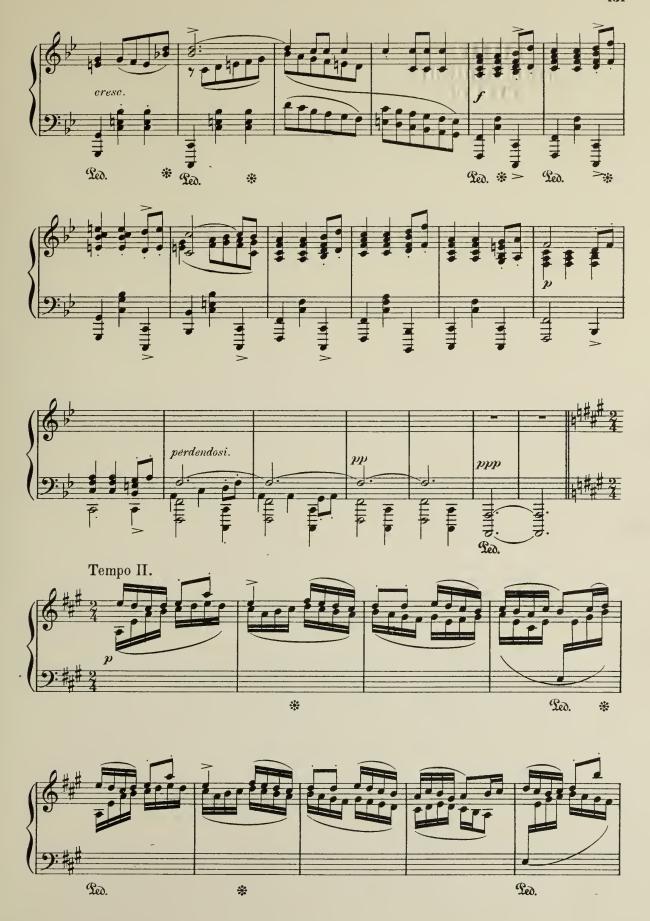


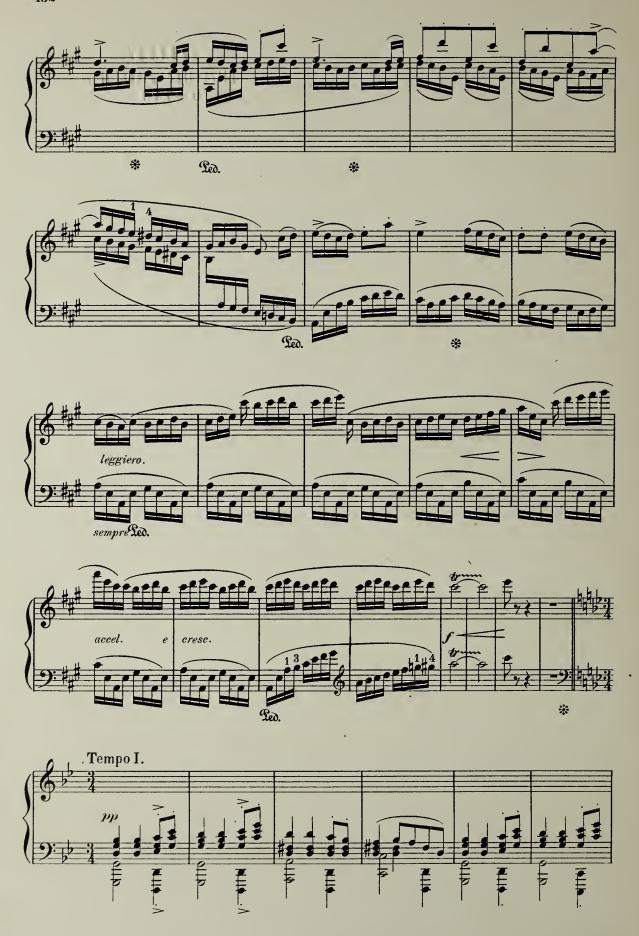
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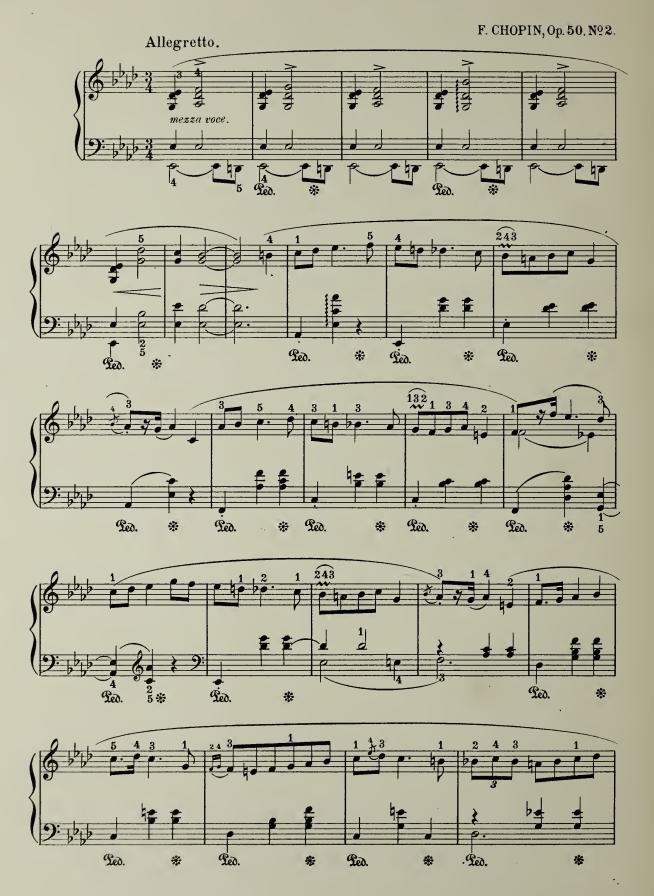




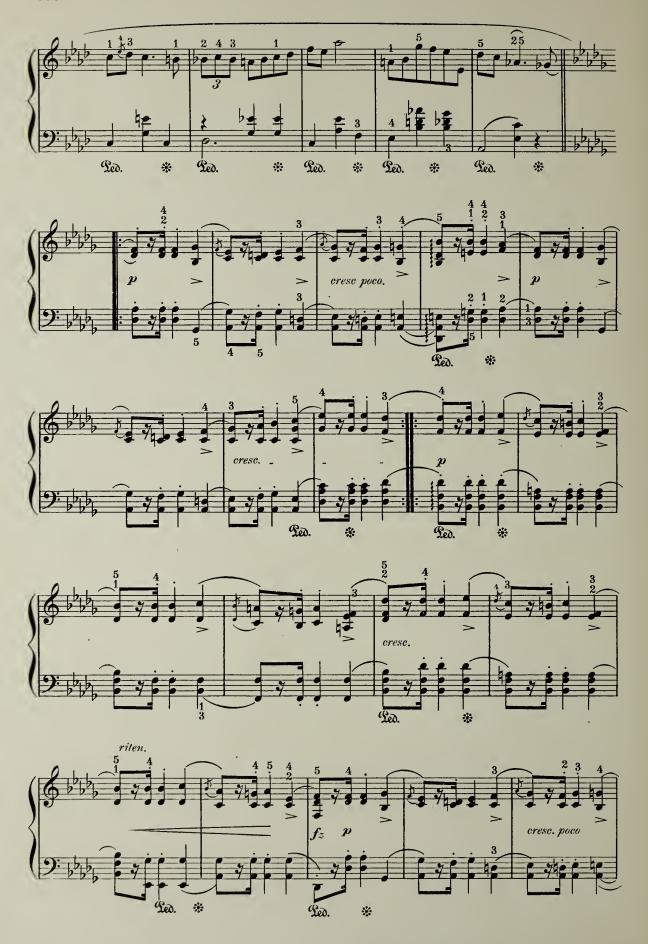


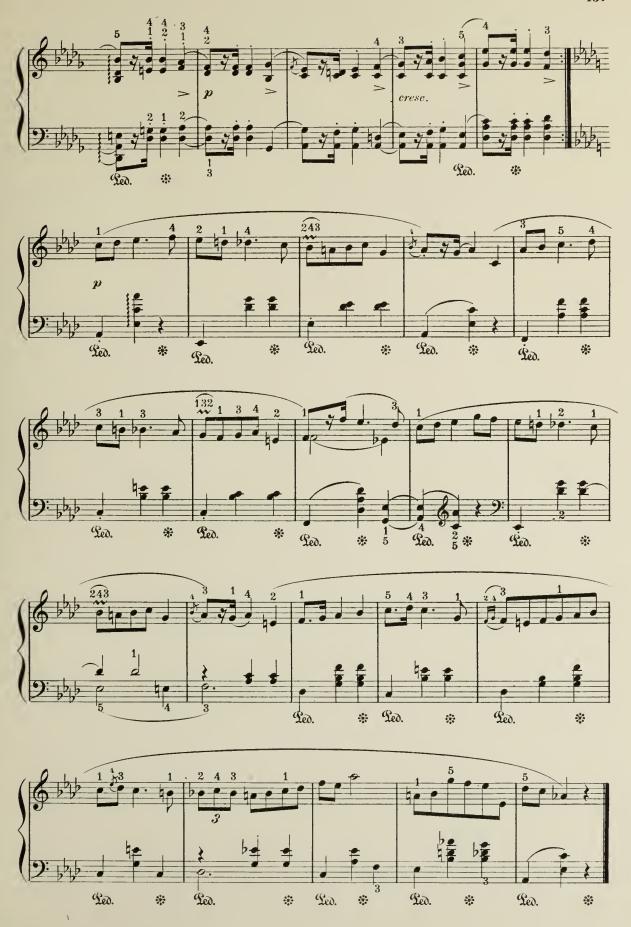


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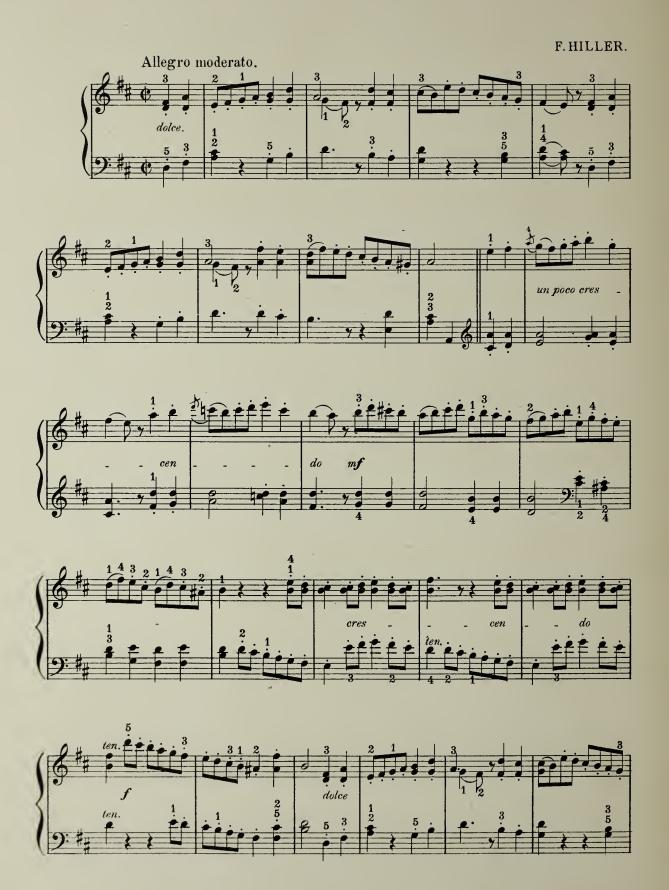




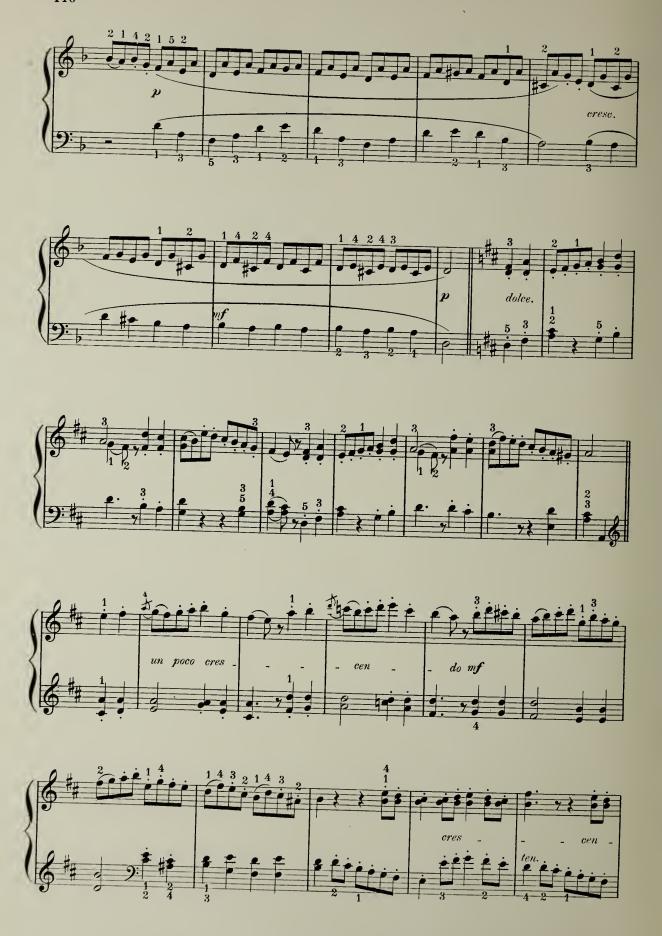


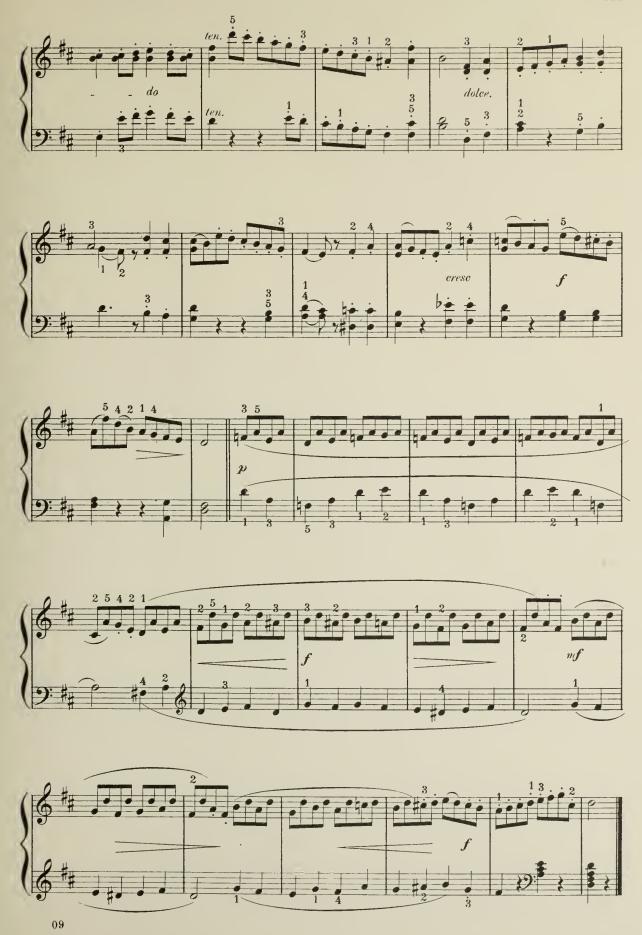


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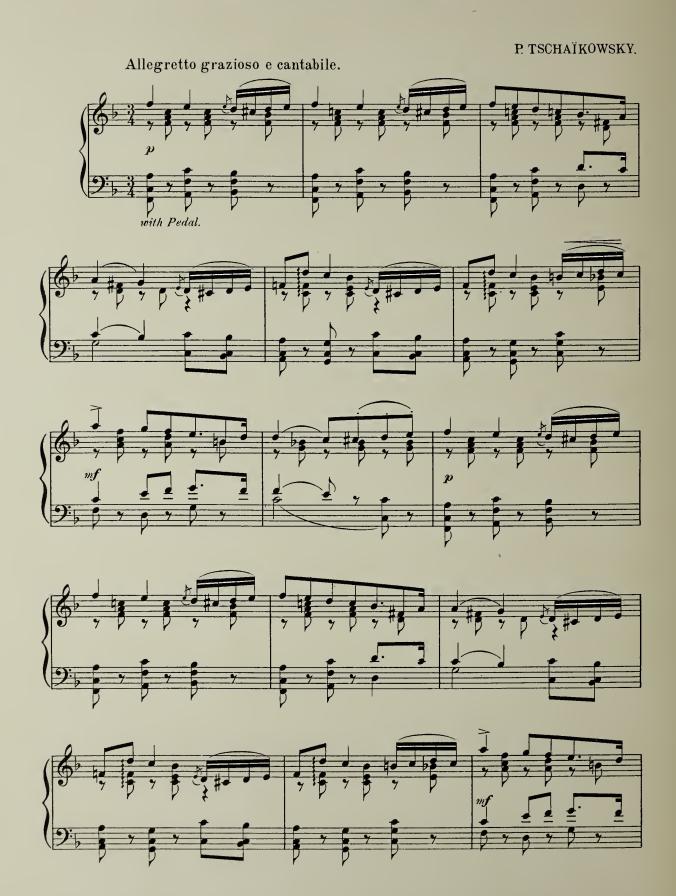








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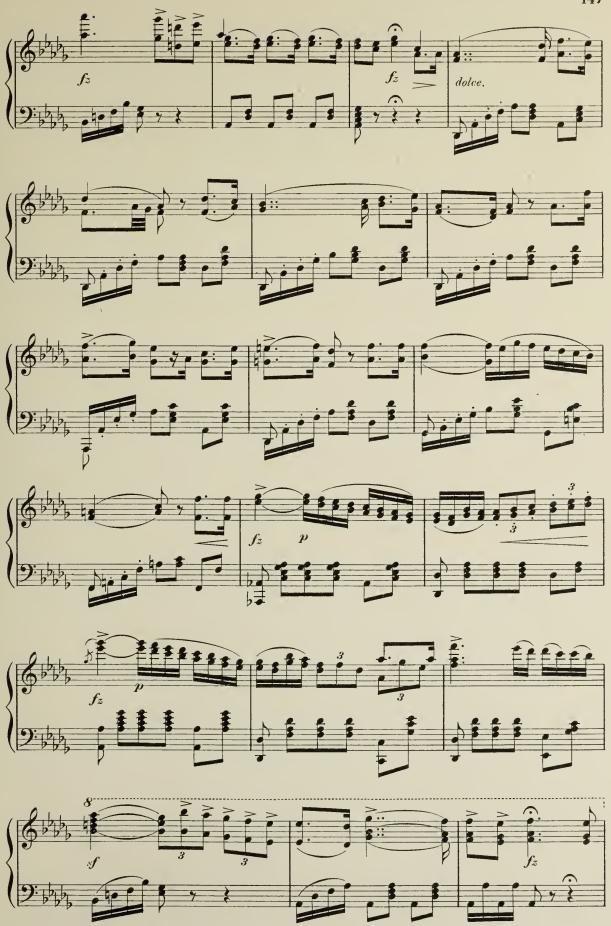






# Sextet from the 2<sup>nd</sup>Act of LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR.

G. DONIZETTI. Larghetto. espressivo.



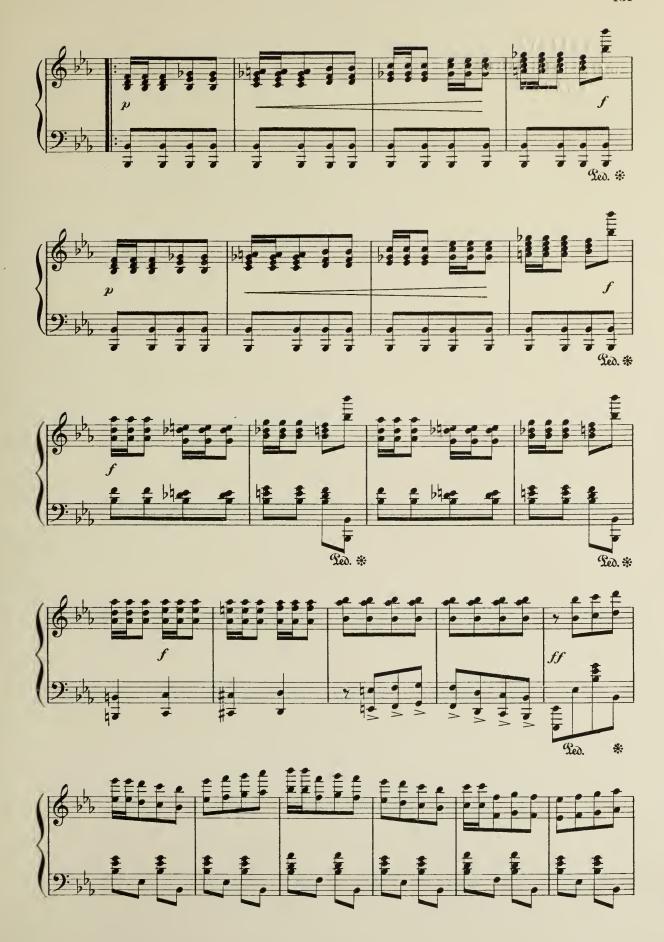




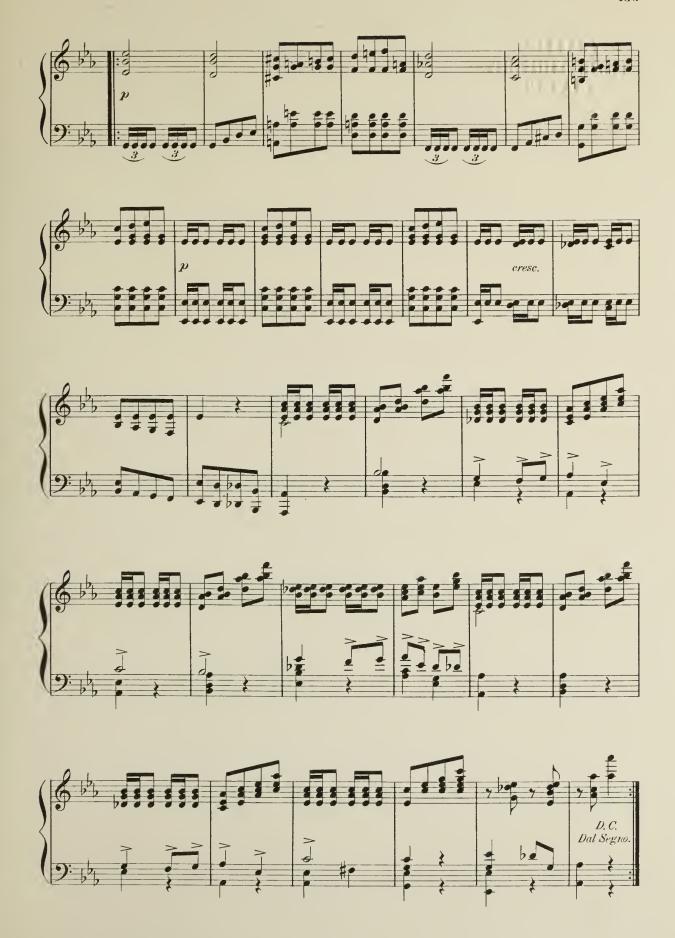
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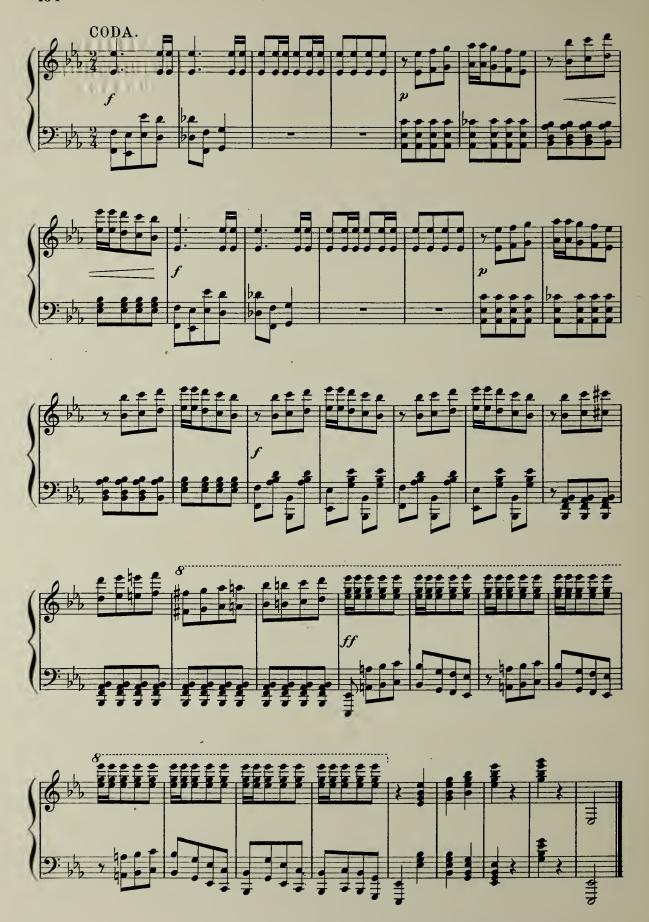
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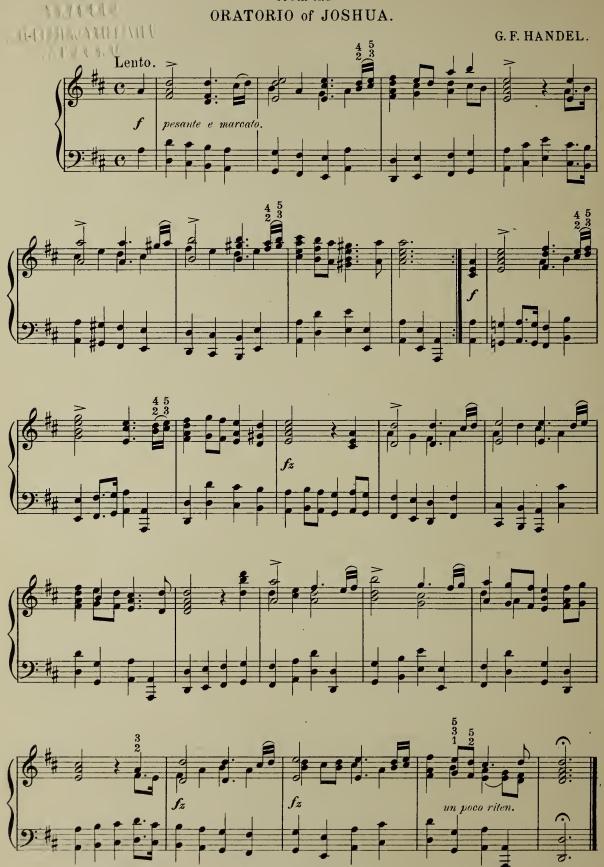




## Ave verum. CHORUS.



## March from the



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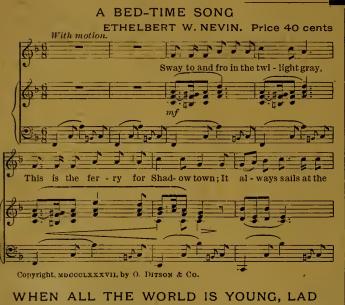


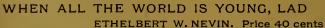
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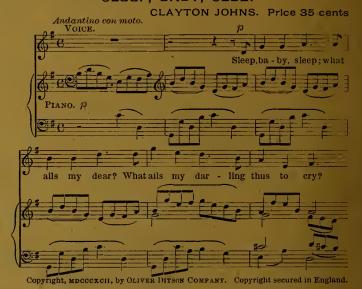




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